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President's Corner

Our club supported the Girl Scout Jamboree that was held on Saturday, 17 October at Camp McMillen. Jim Pliett set up an ATV demo, Bill Hall and Bill Stockslager set up an HF station, and several foxhunts were conducted by Carl Rittenhouse, Clint Stedje, Jim and Kim Machamer with the girl scouts split up in teams. This gave the approximately 40 girl scouts that attended the Jamboree an interesting introduction into amateur radio.

A collection site will be set up at the November hamfest next to the ACARTS table to collect non-perishable food goods and to accept cash donations for the family that is being sponsored this Christmas by both ACARTS and the Ft. Wayne Radio Club. Items may be brought to the November 20th regular club meeting as well as the December 18th meeting.

The November Ft. Wayne Hamfest is drawing near and there are still some opportunities for helping out. For those who would be willing to lend a hand, please contact Henry Goulet (KA9ZNN) at 749-8968.

Also at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest in November, our club is sponsoring a fund-raiser to assist Cliff Shreve (N9MKB) in the construction costs of his wheelchair accessible bathroom. Several items will be raffled off including an Afghan made by Carole Burke (WB9RUS) and a hand-held GPS. Club members may also donate items to be sold at our table for this fund-raiser. All items sold at the clubs table will be assessed a 10% fee that will also support the fund-raiser.

The latest on Cliff Shreve is that he had his right leg amputated below the knee on October 27. He now is recovering at St. Joseph's Hospital. He will begin therapy with a prosthesis on his left leg the first week on November.

Elections for club officers and board members were conducted at our October meeting. The election results are as follows:

President	Bill Stockslager (N9WS)
Vice-President	Wayne Bergamino (KB9OZH)
Treasurer	Bob Streeter (W8ST)
Secretary	Al Burke (WB9SSE)
Communications	Steve Nardin (WB9ZIY)

Board of Directors:

Carl Rittenhouse (N9NRO)
Carole Burke (WB9RUS)
Clint Stedje (KB9LOF)
Jim Machamer (KB9DOS)

Next Club Meeting - Friday, November 20, 1998
7:30 PM

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Friday, November 20,
1998, 7:30 PM
Good Shepherd United
Methodist Church, corner
of Vance Ave. & Reed Rd.**

**Program: Slow scan ATV
by Gene Fisher W9MZH.**

The November program will be presented by Gene Fisher (W9MZH) on the subject of an economical slow scan TV system. Gene will share how to make the hardware and how to obtain the software that will provide for a very nice slow scan TV system.

See you there!

73s

Bill Stockslager (N9WS)

September Meeting Minutes

FT. WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
16 OCTOBER, 1998



1. The October meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held on 16 October, 1998 at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. President Bill Stockslager hosted the meeting which had an attendance of about 30 people.
2. The September meeting minutes were read and there were no corrections.
3. Treasurer Bob Streeter reported that year-to-date, the Club's expenses had exceeded it's income by \$165.74. In other words, we are experiencing a negative cash flow this year. The Club's liquid assets included \$126.00 in checking and 6331.87 in checking. The Club's total assets are valued at \$10810.25 which includes the estimated value of Club physical property.
4. Bill Hall announced that several area Hams / Club members has passed away this year. They include Jim Blee, N9LSS, Vince Cook, KA9ULN, Don Imhoff and Bill Bradely, K9FAB.
5. Carl Rittenhouse provided the results of the last Foxhunt. The Fox was represented by the team of N9LOV and N9NRO. These two rascals were located at the end of Davis Rd. in north Allen County and were tracked down first by K9OMA and KA9YYI followed by KF9AW and then by N9GK and KB9NRA. Point leaders for the year-to-date are N9's LOV and NRO with 18 points followed by K9OMA and KA9YYI with 13 points.
6. Carole Burke announced that the Club's Adopt - A - Family initiative will include a collection point for non-perishable food or donations at the ACARTS Hamfest as well as collections at our November and December club meetings. Cash donations by check should be made out to the Ft. Wayne Radio Club. Carole noted that we would be able to deliver whatever is collected to the needy family following the Club's Christmas meeting/banquet.
7. Bill Stockslager noted that plans are moving forward regarding the Cliff Shreve benefit. The Board of Directors decided to hold a raffle at the Club's tables at the ACARTS Hamfest. We will be raffling off a GPS receiver and an Afghan plus any other additional donations that may be provided by Club members. In addition, the Board has requested that 10% of the proceeds of Club table sales be donated to the Cliff fund.
8. Bill Hall attended the Fall IRCC meeting in Kokomo on 4 October and provided a summary of events from his notes. The Secretary has a copy of Bill's notes for anyone interested.
9. Bill Stockslager announced tentative plans for the Club to sponsor a low-key "Tailgate Hamfest" in the Spring. The idea is to locate a suitable parking lot and have an old-fashioned Ham equipment only Hamfest held out of the tailgates of participant's vehicles. It might provide a little income for the Club Treasury, but the focus will be on having fun.
10. Bill Kindred requested that a roster of Club Members be made available at Club meetings. After some discussion it was agreed that a roster to include Club members names and callsigns only would be made available.
11. Bill Hall reopened nominations for Club Officers and for the Board of Directors. Wayne Bergamino, Jim Machamer and Dave Evans were nominated for President during the meeting, but each had to decline. Bill Stockslager was also nominated for President and agreed to run again. Thus the ballot for President included Bill Stockslager and Scott Price. Following the tabulation of the vote, Bill Stockslager was reelected for another term. There were only one each nomination for the offices of Vice President (Wayne Bergamino), Treasurer (Bob Streeter), Secretary (Al Burke), Communications Officer (Steve Nardin) and four for the Board of Directors (Carl Rittenhouse, Carole Burke, Clint Stedje and Jim Machamer). This being the case, a motions were placed on the floor to vote these offices in by acclamation. The motions were seconded and voted in the affirmative. Thus the people noted above are the new Club Officers and Board of Directors for the 1999 Club year.
12. Following elections, Becky Stockslager conducted the 50-50 raffle. The pot was \$22.00 split between the Club Treasury and winning ticket holder Bill Stockslager. Bill donated his proceeds to the Club.
13. Following the formal meeting, Carl Rittenhouse provided a program on the what's , why's and how's of Foxhunting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

AL BURKE, WB9SSE

INARRL BULLETIN 78-98

From: Don Evilsizor, don39@whitleynet.org

SUBJECT: SILENT KEYS

I have observed a pattern over the past few years that us amateur radio operators should think about on the home front. This has to do with disposal of our amateur radio equipment and notification to others concerned about a Silent Key (SK).

We seem to get frequent requests from widows on what to do with ham equipment left from a SK. This problem has also been addressed with another radio service which I serve. Not only is a widow faced with not knowing what to do with ham equipment, often they do not know where all of it is located or even know the fact that equipment in a attic, basement, garage, barn or storage is even ham radio related. As time passes on this equipment can even deteriorate to the point of it being damaged beyond any point of value. Lets remember there are collectors out there who prize those old so called boat anchors. I have seen situations whereby the widow has sold the property and moved away leaving behind numerous items of equipment.

This fact is not too surprising since many citizens do not even take the time to fill out a will or other documents for the benefit of their families. We hams do not like the thought of becoming a SK, but in all probability that event will occur either naturally or by some accident. We need to prepare for the inevitable.

A little time spent documenting your wishes and desires and recording it on paper can save many others a lot of grief down the road. This can be accomplished in many ways such as simply making up a list of your equipment and provide instructions. Some radio operators have reported they keep cards on each item and what is to be done if they become a SK. Close coordination with your local radio club or amateur friends can certainly help in the matters.

Not only should we be thinking about the disposal of our amateur equipment as I stated in the first paragraph how about our membership with various radio groups or associations. Here again some wise operators have passed the word along to me they have filled out cards who is to be notified in the event they should become a SK. I have personally witnessed a situation whereby a certain radio operator was going to be dropped from the roles of an organization or group as a result of being inactive. Later it was found the person was a SK and for one reason or another the word was never passed to the right people. This story has been repeated to me by numerous others for the past few years.

Think about it, what does your family know about your ham station, would they really know what to do and are they aware of all the organizations you associated with in this business?

FCC ISSUES UNIVERSAL LICENSING SYSTEM RULES

from *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 17, No 42

The FCC has issued its long-awaited Report and Order on the Universal Licensing System, which affects all Wire-less Telecommunications Bureau licensees. Among other things, the ULS will result in replacing Amateur Radio's familiar FCC Form 610 series with a new Form 605. The new rules become official 60 days after publication in *The Federal Register*—sometime around the end of the year. The FCC said it expects to have the ULS fully operational by next April. Using the ULS, applicants and licensees will be able to file, modify, and renew electronically. Access to the ULS is via <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/>.

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The FCC's action consolidates approximately 40 existing forms into four ULS applications, including the new Form 605. Electronic filing in the ULS will not yet be mandatory for individual amateurs. Hams will have the option of filing electronically or on paper. However, electronic filing via the ULS will be required for Volunteer Examiner Coordinators in the Amateur Service.

Under the ULS, amateurs will use Form 605, the Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services for all purposes. Applicants may continue to use the old forms for six months after the new rules go into effect, however.

Responding to comments from the ARRL and the W5YI Group, the FCC said it would include the Physician's Certification of Disability (Physician's Certification) on the new Form 605 in Part 2 of Schedule D.

As part of its Report and Order on the ULS, the FCC also issued amended rules (in WT Docket 96-188) to authorize visiting foreign hams to operate in the US pursuant to recent international reciprocal operating agreements. "We conclude that all alien amateur radio reciprocal operation should be authorized by rule," the FCC said. This means that foreign hams holding a CEPT radio-amateur license from a CEPT country or an International Amateur Radio Permit issued by a participating CITEL country may operate while visiting the US without having to apply for permission. Additionally, it will be easier for US hams to operate in participating countries in Europe and the Americas.

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Against ARRL objections, the FCC eliminated the one-year term for an alien reciprocal permit and will not require an FCC license document. The FCC noted that the new system is similar to the one already in place for US and Canadian hams to operate in each other's countries. The authority would not extend to US citizens claiming second citizenship and an amateur license from another country, however.

The FCC said it will require the submission of a Taxpayer Identification Number by applicants and licensees using ULS, "consistent with the requirements of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996." Some commenters, particularly amateur operators, argued against the requirement, saying that disclosure of a TIN—typically a Social Security Number—raised privacy concerns and was unnecessary to the Commission's regulatory goals. But, the FCC said its security measures will limit access to TIN data both online and to FCC staff. "Once data has been entered into ULS, sensitive data such as TINs will not be accessible to the public," the FCC said. The FCC has not addressed how it plans to handle applicants who do not have a TIN, such as foreign nationals who hold FCC licenses.

The FCC stood by its plan to use certain eligible private-sector entities, on a strictly voluntary basis, to issue club and military recreation station call signs.

Both text and formatted versions of the complete Report and Order, WT Dockets 98-20 and 96-188, are available on the FCC Web site, <http://www.fcc.gov>.

ARRL BOARD REAFFIRMS, MODIFIES ITS RESTRUCTURING PLAN

from *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 17, No 43

In a special meeting October 24, the ARRL Board of Directors reaffirmed the bulk of its July 1998 Amateur Radio

License Restructuring plan with some modifications. Among other things, the Board's July plan would eliminate the Novice and Tech Plus license classes. To provide a logical entry path to HF for Technicians, the Board now has suggested offering CW privileges to

The Board also agreed to replace its originally proposed A, B, C, and D license class designations with Extra, Advanced, General, and Technician.

Technicians in the current General CW allocations on 80 through 10 meters. Technicians would be permitted up to 200 W PEP.

The July plan eliminated the HF door by eliminating the Novice license," observed ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ. "This is, in effect, a replacement for the Novice, but without an additional license class."

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Under the July plan—and under the FCC's proposed streamlining—the entry-level HF license would be the General. Board members at the October 24 meeting near St Louis expressed concern that the leap to HF privileges under the July plan could prove too daunting, especially for younger newcomers. Under the ARRL plan, it would require passing two written examinations plus a 5 WPM code test to become a General. Some also were troubled about the growing gulf between the "traditional" HF operator and the newer VHF-only amateurs.

Addressing the Morse code requirement in the International Radio Regulations, Sumner summed up the Board's position by saying that the new privileges would amount to self-testing. "By their very nature, you can't use the privileges until you know the code," he said.

The special ARRL Board meeting was called to consider the League's comments on the FCC's amateur licensing "streamlining" proposals in WT Docket 98-143, released in August. Comments are due December 1. During the daylong session, the Board also proposed that the FCC rules ban multiple-choice Morse code tests and establish that a passing grade for a code test be either 70% correct answers to 10 fill-in-the-blank questions or one minute out of five of solid copy.

The Board affirmed its proposals in RM-9196 to improve the procedures for granting Morse code exam credit on the basis of a physician's certification of a disability. It also affirmed "its strong desire" that written exams be modified as necessary "to demonstrate better the depth of the applicant's current radio technical knowledge and operating skill."

The Board supported retention of the topic definitions to be included in written exams, as contained in §97.503(c) of the FCC rules, with some modification to accommodate the new four-class structure.

The Board also reaffirmed its desire that Advanced class volunteer examiners be permitted to administer General class exams, and it renewed its request in RM-9115 for several rules changes involving RACES stations.

The Board noted that it had "heard and considered the views of thousands of ARRL members" on the amateur licensing issues raised in both the ARRL and FCC proposals.

For Sale

COMPLETE HAM STATION

- Kenwood TS-940/AT
 - 160-10 Gen Cov. 100 W Slope Tuning
 - Notch-AC built in
 - Matching Speaker
 - Kenwood MC 60A Mike
 - Cushcraft R-5
 - RG-58 Coax
- Complete Pkg \$1350.00

D. K. Walker - N9LTM
8732 Woodstream Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN - 46804
219-432-9795
N9LTM @AOL.COM



- 12 foot C Band satellite system complete with receiver \$75.00
- Hallicrafters SX100 receiver with speaker \$75.00
- Heath kit HW101A, HP23, remote VFO, and station console \$125.00
- Heath kit 5400 transceiver with speaker/power supply \$50.00

WB9EBX, Paul Welty, 219-485-5931,
pfwelty4921@juno.com (Paul F Welty)



TEST EQUIPMENT:

- Hewlet Packard AM-FM Signal Generator, Model 202H, 54-216 MHz, needs tubes, \$45.
- Boonton Univerter Model 207-E, 150.1-205 MHz input, .1-55 MHz output, \$20.

Please contact Vic Guess, WB9UZA, 219-485-7472,
victor9444@aol.com



I am writing to you concerning my ham radio equipment. I am 94 years old and wondering if you might know of anyone who might be interested in buying everything in one package that I have. Everything is in working order and all Heath equipment. The following is what I have:

SB200 Amplifier
SB301 Transmitter
SB600 Speaker
SB630 Station console

Antenna Tuner
SB401 Receiver
SB610 Monitor scope
SB640 Frequency display

I feel all of the above is worth somewhere in the range of \$800 to \$1000.

I also have a collection of old magazines ranging back in the years of the 70's and 80's. I don't know their worth, but I'd also like to get rid of them if you might know of anyone that might be interested. The following are what I have: QST's, Ham Radio, CQ's.

If you know of anyone, I can be reached at 517-238-2010. I live at Coldwater Lake in Coldwater, MI. If I had my radio on, I could be reached at WB8RYR.

I would like to hear from you or anyone else that would be interested in my radio station or magazines. Thank you so much.

Max W. Benjamin
21631 Pearl Bch.
Coldwater, MI 49036



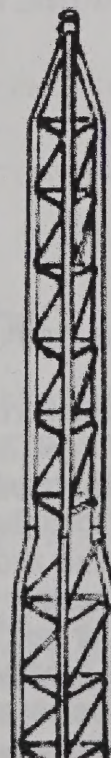
TOWERS, TOWERS, TOWERS FOR SALE

- 56 ft. steel self supporting RHON tower. Six 8 ft. tapering sections plus one 'straight side. Complete with leg anchors and hardware. No extra charge for surface rust. \$150.00
- 56 ft. pipe-type tower. Five 10 ft. straight side sections plus one 6 ft. section. \$75.00
- 35 ft. lightweight aluminum tower. One additional "wrinkled" section. \$35.00
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Also have:

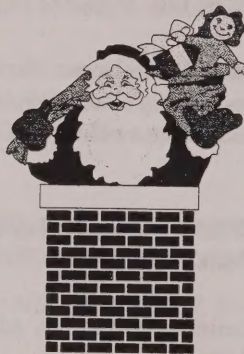
- Tri-band beam \$150.00
- CD45II rotor \$125.00
- Cushcraft 215WB 15 element 2M beam \$50.00.

Please contact Jim, N9ERM, 747-2291,
jtrsenior@aol.com



**Fort Wayne Hamfest And Computer Expo
Indiana State ARRL Convention
November 14 - 15, 1998, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

The 26th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and Indiana State ARRL Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only \$5.00, with no advanced ticket sales. Parking is \$2.00. There are over 1100 commercial and flea market tables (152,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. Vendors include several international ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings, VE testing on Saturday, and presentations by special guest Gordon West, WB6NOA. Shuttle bus service provided to and from commuter airport (Smith Field) and shopping centers. Talk-in on 146.88(-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (219) 483-8163 (tables) or (219) 484-1314 (general information) and you will be contacted. You can also send an SASE to ACARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest, P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46851, or visit our World Wide Web site at <http://www.pipeline.com/~dagagnon/>



Christmas Family Donations

The Fort Wayne Radio Club in cooperation with ACARTS is going to help a family this Christmas. There will be a barrel at the Fort Wayne Hamfest, November 14-15 for nonperishable food donations and a container cash donations. Please remember to bring something to the hamfest and our next two club meetings to help a family have a good holiday. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Rudy Redl, N9CC - Silent Key

It was learned November 1, 1998 that Rudy Redl, N9CC became a silent key. He had lived in Fort Wayne about 20 years ago and was one of those responsible for getting the .76 repeater up and running. He also helped in getting a 220, 450, and 6 meter remote on the WLYV tower. The last 20 years he has spent his time in North Carolina and Tennessee.

He was born in Vienna, Austria and first licensed in Sudbury, Ontario with the advanced call sign of VE3CVI. When he came to the United States, he was WB9SYA then in 1977 became N9CC. He also operated from 5N, J7, YU, OE, DL, KL7, KP2, and VP2.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, his children, Erik and Christina.

Membership Data: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to the address below)

Name _____ Call _____ Class: ☐ N ☐ T ☐ G ☐ A ☐ AE

Street _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Shall we list your address and phone number in the membership roster ☐ Y ☐ N?

Are you presently an ARRL member ☐ Y ☐ N?

Membership Term: ☐ (Jan - Dec) ☐ (Jul - Dec)

Family Membership: ☐ \$21.00/yr ☐ \$10.50/yr immediate family (list all callsigns)

Regular Membership: ☐ \$15.00/yr ☐ \$7.50/yr licensed member

Student Membership: ☐ \$6.00/yr ☐ \$3.00/yr full time student

Associate Membership: ☐ \$15.00/yr ☐ \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

Your Check Number _____ please pay by check. It's easier for both of us.

Mail to: The Fort Wayne Radio Club

PO Box 15127

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Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice: 146.76

146.94

444.875

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Please send any articles, corrections, for sale notices, etc. to the editor, Victor Guess, WB9UZA, via e-mail victor9444@aol.com. Please put "for Hamsplatter" in the Subject line. Text should be plain ASCII, graphics should be JPEG or GIF. For those computer impaired: snail mail to 3311 Sanibel Drive, Fort Wayne, IN, 46815-4755. Items must reach me by first Thursday of the month.

Deadline for the December issue: 12/3/98.

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM) on 146.88

Auburn: meets Mon, Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 2300 UTC (6 PM) on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 147.150

Fort Wayne 6M net: meets nightly at 0000 UTC (7 PM) on 50.58 AM

Miscellaneous Nets

Huntington ARES: Sat/Tues at 0100 UTC (8 PM) on 146.685

Portside: 3rd Wednesday at 0030 UTC (7:30 PM) on 444.300

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 00 15 UTC (7:15 PM) on 444.55 & 146.46 (simplex)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 0045 UTC (7:15 PM) on 444.55 & 146.46 (simplex)

Sloppy Code Net: Sundays at 0200 UTC (9 PM) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details.

Be sure to visit the Fort Wayne Radio Club on the Internet: <http://home1.gte.net/n9iww2/fwrc/>

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